

SATURDAY, DEC. 22, 1900

A REASON FOR CHRISTMAS

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good and for everything bad. For everything that succeeds and every-thing that fails. There is a reason for every peal of laughter, and for every moan of sor-A reason why there are holly wreaths in the windows on this side the street and



covered with gold as when the full moon shines upor the sea, and angel "Glory to God the highest," and reason why a pale woman beside

anger clasps her babe to her bosom and looks up in Joseph's face and with quiver ing lips whispered: "Does Herod know?" And so there is a reason for this great Christmas anniversary. We know why is-land calls to island, and nation responds to nation, and continent hails continent, and hemisphere salutes hemisphere. We know why the world heaves its hosanna like an Atlantic surge over the battlements of glory. Watch the old sexton of the ancient cathe dral. He rises about four o'clock and trin his lantern. We follow him down the street and up the hill, and suddenly before us, out of the gloom of the early morning, rises the great Gothic temple. The door closing with a bang starts a long roll of echoes up and down the church aisles like a drum call. He climbs the belfry steps and sets his lantern in the recess of a window and a long thin ray shoots from it across the church and the sculptured faces of many saints are lighted up. It is five o'clock. The sexton grasps a rope, bends his body and bows his knees till they touch the floor, suddenly drops the rope and it swiftly runs upward, and the tower trem-hles and the great bell, like a huge gun, booms: "Awake!" He grasps another rope and rings a second bell in the chime whi repeats the message of the first: "Awake! The bell ringer grasps another rope, and rings a third bell, and it responds: "Awake!" Then all is still. But as the music dies upon the air, far away come

the answer from another watch tower of Zion: "Awake, Awake! Awake!" And then from another tower, and anthink the gates of

Heaven were open The Organist's Prayer the church triumphant was listening to the salutation: "Awake, put on thy strength, 0, Zion, put on thy beautiful gar-ments, 0 Jerusalem the holy city, break forth into joy, for the Lord hath comforted His people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem." Look at that old bell ringer as he listens to the music of the bells on Christmas morning, and see the tears upon his cheeks and ask him what it all means, and he will answer: "Jesus." Watch the organist as he sits at his instrument and bows his head for a moment. Is it any wonder that the thought rushes over his soul, as an inspira-tion from on high: "Here beneath my fin-gers are a thousand voices and never so willing to speak as on Christmas morning when the theme of their praise is Jesus." And if ever-ministers of the gospel feel that their pulpits, however humble, are a throne, and that their talents are enlisted as ambassador of a king, it is to-day when they can talk of Jesus. And behold the multitude that is keeping holy day. Roman pontiff and Greek patriarch, Protestant hishop and dissenting preacher, all join hands as did the wise men and offer



going to hear the story as told by ele quent lips, as sun; by the great boy choir of old Trinity or told in the an-

their gifts to Jesus.

Avenues of our

with worshiper

tiphonal chant by priests standing in their stalls. Truly this day belongs to no sect, and to no creed, and to no party. But the reason we celebrate the day is that Jesus came to all. He belongs to all. He unites us all. He loves all. And we love Him.

A TRIFLE TOO ACRIMONIOUS.



myself under the mistletoe. Couldn't help 'Possibly you were afraid your where abouts was in danger of being unnoticed."

The Night Before Christmas, Twas the night before Christmas and al

through the house Everybody was sleeping as still as a mouse No stockings were hung and no presents prepared, No Christmas-tree ordered, but nobody

cared; Or at least no one seemed to be troubling

No turkeys were killed, no mince ples or the shelf-

No bright-berried holly was wreathed o

No mistletoe-bough had been hung in th "Twas surely the night before Christmas,

Everyone in the house seemed this fact to forget.
But this happened in Norway, so nothing

was wrong, For their night before Christmas is jussix months long.

-Carolyn Wells, in Judge.

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Prepared for Relatives. Husband (at dinner)-My! My! This is a regular banquet-worthy of a Delmonico. Finest spread I've seen in an age. What's up? Do you ex-

pect company?
Wife-No, but I presume the cook

does .- N. Y. Weekly. Had Tested Ber.

Briggs-That medium doesn't know thing when she is in a trance. Griggs-Oh; yes she does.

Briggs-What makes you think so? Griggs-Because the other day I ried to steal away in the middle of one -without paying .- Detroit Free Press

An Exception to the Rule. Benham-When two men quarrel, there is always a woman at the bot-

tom of the trouble Mrs. Benham-I have never heard any lady's name mentioned in connection with that Caln and Abel affair .-Brooklyn Life.

Onite a Difference. Clubber-I say, what's the difference between a private secretary and a typewriter, when they're both wom-

Snubber-One flirts with his typewriter and marries his private secre tary .- Town Topics, In Different Lines.

Affable Aristocrat-The fact is, my name is not Gibson. You see, I'm traveling incog. There's my card. Mr. Tuppings-Glad to hear it. I'm traveling in pickles. Here's mine.-

The Politician's View. "Well, he ought to get the solid rote of the dairymen, anyway." 'Why?' "He introduced that ordinance to

reduce the water rates, you know."-Chicago Times-Herald. Planning a Surprise. Young Lady-I should like to give

my intended a little surprise before our marriage. What would you recommend? Lady Friend-Don't wear your false teeth just for once.-Tit-Bits.

Estimates. Bawking-And you met Brassey? Versatile, isn't he? Biles-Oh, yes! The kind of an ass you'd expect to offer to give a humorous recitation.-Brooklyn Life.

Changeable Eyes. Mrs. Brown-What co or are your little boy's eyes? Mrs. Robinson-Black generally. He's a terrible fighter.-Stray Stories.

Reflex Affiction. "I've got piano-player's cramp." "You don't play!" "No; the girl next door gives it to me."-Chicago Record.

Willing to Help. Ernest (boldly)-If I thought no one was looking I would kiss you. Dora (shyly)-Shall I close my eyes?

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